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LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS ISSUED CIVIL PENALTIES AT ENFORCEMENT HEARING

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Earl Tilly, found 55 elected officials in violation of state Public Disclosure laws during brief enforcement hearings held Monday in Olympia.

Elected officials and certain state appointed officials are required under state statute to file an annual Personal Financial Affairs Statement with the Public Disclosure Commission by April 15th reporting financial activity for the preceding year.

“Filing reports that disclose financial interests and holdings is more than a formality,” Tilly said. “It’s a means for the public to have tangible proof that officials are acting in the public interest and not for their private gain.”

The governmental officials who were issued a civil penalty had previously been sent a warning letter asking them to comply with the reporting requirements. A letter reminding each official of his or her obligation to file was sent on May 7, 2004 and letter with an opportunity to pay a civil penalty and forego an enforcement hearing was sent on May 28, 2004.

Government officials from the King County area of Washington who were assessed a penalty at the brief enforcement hearing were:

Rebecca Clark, City Council Member for the City of Covington, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Berry Whitney, Community Council Member for the Houghton Community Municipal Corporation, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Dwight Thompson, City Council Member for the City of Lake Forest Park, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Todd Nunn, City Council Member for the City of Medina, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

John Rankin, City Council Member for the City of Normandy Park, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

Jeff Clark, Commissioner for the Covington Water District, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Frederick Ribary, Commissioner for the King County Public Hospital District #4, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$150.

Daniel Mann, School Director for the Shoreline School District #412, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$300.

Jay Farrell, Fire Commissioner for the King Fire Protection District #20, was found in violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$100.

Tilly found no violation against **Paul Wohlhueter**, Fire Commissioner of King Fire Protection District #44.

Officials found in violation at the hearing will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.